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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Personnel Branch, DFD-50/P

SUBJECT : Space Systems Orientation Course

1. Several weeks ago, I recommended that this organization obtain a permanent seat in the "Ballistic Missile and Space Systems Course" given in Ingleside by ASD.

2. In following up on the exact nomenclature on the course and its times, I have found that the course has been changed and is now given by the University at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama.

3. The course is now divided into two parts and covered under AFM 50-5. The courses are as follows:

(a) Warfare Systems and Orientation Course: An eight day course which is all encompassing of airborne weapons systems, ballistic missile and space systems. Space is only a relatively small portion of this course.

(b) Senior Officers Space Systems Orientation Course: This is a three day course concentrating completely on the space age programs and is much preferred over the course listed in subparagraph (a) above. The only catch to this course is that it is for Lt. Colonels and above.

4. [redacted] was quite interested in attending this course and could have under the original concepts of the SSD course. However, I feel we can obtain a waiver to attend the "Senior Officers Space Systems Orientation Course."

5. The course offered at SSD always had a relatively high percentage of DOD type civilians and I feel that this is probably still true at Maxwell; therefore, my recommendation is to obtain a slot for the Agency in this space course at Maxwell and sending interested personnel from Operations, NPIC and our staff to this course on a routine basis.

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